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Thank you, Michele.

I know this was a difficult situation to navigate last week. Thanks for your patience and graciousness.

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Thank you very much Heidi for this clarification. I appreciate it!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 11, 2019, at 10:17 AM, Schroeder, Elizabeth <Schroeder_E@cde.state.co.us> wrote:

Thank you for this information Heidi. I've stored this email on the J:Drive for future reference. I've also placed this topic on tomorrow's agenda. Here's the link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uu0fozOcnTjvdtIpFC6Pz0H-kfIbUE8WxXgbH28pyGk/edit

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Good morning,

Some of you are aware that we were working to determine how we might respond to

the fact that in support of program's dealing with the repercussions of the DPS strike, DHS put out an emergency child care waiver request option to exceed class size and ratio requirements in the DHS child care licensing rules. Last Friday there was a flurry of communication on this, including Melissa speaking with Katy and also getting an opinion from the AG's office. In addition to our usual stance that CDE staff cannot waive state statute, we learned that in emergent situations like the one DPS is currently facing, and for a brief and temporary time period, CDE would not be in a position to take negative action for non-compliance should the district, or their partner programs, choose to exceed the maximum group size limit or staff ratios. We will talk more about this at tomorrow's CPP sub-team meeting.

This is not something we plan to proactively communicate, but can share with programs/districts if they inquire directly in response to the DPS situation. Additionally, Floyd reached out to DHS to ask for involvement in waiver review and approval or at least notification of which programs are requesting this so that we would have more knowledge of if/when programs may be exceeding the 16 maximum class size. This is delicate because we don't want to suggest program's violate state law, but violations of this would have to be severe and long lasting for us to be able to take action to remove funding or preschool positions.

Let me know your questions so that we can be united and consistent about how and when we share this information.

Best,
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